

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended to define "a monoclonal antibody immobilized on a matrix or substrate", which "specifically recognizes IGIF or IL-18 to adsorb said IGIF or IL-18 and desorb it when the pH around the monoclonal antibody is changed, as supported in the present specification at page 19, first full paragraph and at pages 52-55 (Examples 7 and 8). Applicants submit that the presently amended claims are not made obvious by the Nakamura reference cited and applied by the examiner. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the sole outstanding prior art rejection are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, the claims define patentable subject matter warranting their allowance. Favorable consideration and early allowance are earnestly urged.

Respectfully submitted,

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